

Army to Form Installation Management Command



The Army is reorganizing its structure for managing installations into an integrated command in early fiscal year 2007 with the activation of the Installation Management Command (IMCOM). The current structure includes, as separate entities, components of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management offices, the Installation Management Agency, the Army Environmental Center, and the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center. This initiative is part of the Army's efforts to reorganize its commands and specified headquarters to obtain the most effective, efficient command and control structure for supporting the Modular Force. The new Modular Force structure identifies three types of headquarters; Army Commands, Army Service Component Commands (ASCCs), and Direct Reporting Units (DRUs).

As a Direct Reporting Unit (DRU), the IMCOM is accountable to the Chief of Staff of the Army for effective garrison support of mission activities, and serves as the Army's single authority and primary provider of base support services. It is the Army's intent that the IMCOM will be commanded by a lieutenant general who will also retain the position of Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management on the Army staff. However, that will not occur until that officer is nominated by the President and then confirmed by the Senate. CFSC and AEC will remain separate entities as subordinate commands under IMCOM. The new command will also consolidate the four U.S.-based IMA regions into two to be located at Fort Sam Houston, Texas and Fort Eustis, Va.

"This new command is the next logical step in the evolution of Army installation management," said LTG Robert Wilson, the ACSIM. "It will dramatically improve our ability to effectively and efficiently manage this critical function with agility to support commanders, Soldiers and their families."

The new command, most of which is currently based in Virginia and Maryland, will relocate to Fort Sam Houston, TX in accordance with requirements of the recently concluded Base Realignment and Closure process. The Army staff functions will remain at the Pentagon.

Wilson also said that while the new organization will most likely be smaller than the current structure, it will be an organization that is "committed to managing personnel changes through attrition in order to minimize turbulence."